

Testimony
of the
Capitol Region East Operating Committee
In Support of
House Bill #5122
House Environment Committee

March 1, 2010

On behalf of the Capitol Region East Operating Committee (CREOC) which represents the Towns of Glastonbury, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, Somers, Stafford and Vernon we strongly support raised HB – 5122, An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Pilot Program. Since 1996 CREOC has operated a permanent regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility within the Town of Manchester to serve an overall population of approximately 158,000 people. Approximately 3,000 residents annually utilize our facility to safely dispose of their hazardous waste products. Paint products represent the largest single product component of the waste stream at these programs, hence their disposal represents a very significant associated cost to our program as well. Each member Town must bear these disposal costs as part of their municipal budgets.

This bill will provide overall reductions in our disposal costs and ultimately cost to our member Towns taxpayers. Again we strongly urge support of HB-5122.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bisi, Chairman CREOC